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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJ: EXPORT TAXES

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1. REFTELS A AND C ASKED, INTER ALIA, FOR INFORMATION ON EXPORT TAXES LEVIED BY GOIC ON COFFEE, IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL CONCERNS AND THE VISIT TO IVORY COAST BY A GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE TRAM TO STUDY IVORIAN PRACTICE IN COFFEE PRICING. EMBASSY REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NO EXPORT TAX ON COFFEE. THIS IS INCORRECT. A UNIFORM EXPORT TAX OF 23 PERCENT IS LEVIED ON COFFEE IN ANY FORM EXPORTED FROM IVORY COAST.

2. EMBASSY'S INCORRECT INFORMATION CAME IN FIRST INSTANCE FROM OFFICIALS OF IVORY COAST AGRICULTURAL MARKETING BOARD. GOA TEAM AND E/C COUNSELOR WERE ALSO TOLD BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MARKETING BOARD THAT THERE WAS NO EXPORT TAX ON COFFEE. WE BELIEVE FUNDEMENTAL DIFFERENCES AND LACK OF CORRELATION BETWEEN US AND IVORIAN TAX STRUCTURES ARE AT FAULT, AND THAT THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT BY MARKETING BOARD TO MISLEAD EMBASSY ON GAO. IN POSING THE QUESTION, EMBOFFS REFERRED TO QTE TAUX DES TAXES SUR EXPORTS OU
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EXPORTATIONS END QTE, WHILE IVORIANS USE TERM QTE DROIT UNIQUE DES SORTIES END QUOTE. EXPORTERS CHARGE SHEET, SHOWN TO GAO TEAM, REFERS TO VALEUR A QUAI (DOCKSIDE VALUE), WITH THE SUBSEQUENT NOTATION DOUANE (COSTOMS) WHICH EXPORTER IDENTIFIED AS AN EXPORT TAX.

3. REGRET THIS CONFUSION. STEARNS

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